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SENATOR OLIN D. JOHNSTON (D.-S.C.)  
SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D.-S.C.)

South Carolina's two Senators today took issue with military cuts aimed at South Carolina installations and urged Senate Conferees to restore funds for Fort Jackson's proposed hospital and Charleston's Air Base facilities.

The funds were reduced by the Senate Appropriations Committee, but can be restored in the Joint Senate-House Conference Committee that will study the bill next week.

After a discussion of the importance of the two South Carolina installations, Senators Olin D. Johnston and Strom Thurmond received assurances from Appropriations Committee members that they would give the projects "every consideration" in the Free Conference Committee.

Senator Jackson (D-Wash.), pointed out the Committee did not have an opportunity to hold hearings on the Military Public Works Authorization Bill, therefore the South Carolina Senators did not have an opportunity to be heard before the Committee.

The bill, as approved by the Senate today, contains approximately \$30 million in military construction authorizations for twelve South Carolina installations. All authorizations for South Carolina were approved by the Senate except the \$8 million for a permanent-type hospital at Fort Jackson and a \$2.7 million reduction in spending for Charleston Air Force Base.